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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LARRY DUSON

from the Bank of the West introduced our program speaker, Tracy Robinson from the City of Lafayette. She gave us a very interesting overview of the state of the city and a couple of key issues facing Lafayette. For the good news, Lafayette is in great financial shape with 11 million dollars in revenue and reserves are up from last year. The city is spending money to repave the parking lot at the Community Center and a new Roller Hockey Rink will be open by September 2006. July 9th, the City of Lafayette, will host the second annual bike race on Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Golden Gate Ave. The hope is that this year civic groups and the Chamber of Commerce will get involved with booths to help grow the event. There is a condo project in the works for 32 Mt. Diablo Court, and the Hillside Motel project is moving forward with a plan for 70 or more condos and some rental units. There was some discussion about our police services, with two homicides recently. The city spends 40 percent of the general fund or 3.2 million on police services and knows our police chief Mike Fisher needs more patrolman, especially at night and on the weekends, when there are only two patrolman working per shift. The other big issue is money for roads and drains with a projected need of 23 million and

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

DAN HOWARD

ON

OCEANOGRAPHY & GLOBAL WARMING

growing. There is not enough income over the next ten years to cover all the needs to not only maintain the roads in their current state but also to rebuild a lot of the underground infrastructure that we know is rapidly deteriorating. The city will be discussing this at the January 23 City Council meeting and is considering a sales tax increase or a parcel tax to be determined by assessed values or possibly a fixed amount.

Sandy Mitchell introduced Judith Parker for the California Symphony to tell us about Rotary Goes to the Symphony, January 29 and January 31. As it says on the flyer Judith handed out, this event was started last year for Rotarians to share a special experience with friends and family and support the California Symphony! Rotarians get a 25% discount and all clubs participating will be recognized at the concert! Speaking of concerts, Jay Lifson told us about the Gold Coast Chamber Players concert at the Veterans Memorial Building; A Present for Mozart, celebrating Mozart's 250th birthday January 27th. tickets can be purchased at the Town Hall Theater Box Office.

Jay also invited everyone to the Chamber of Commerce Board Dinner with a special presentation of Mike Heller of Concord BMW as the Marquis Business Person of the Year, January 20th at the Lafayette Park Hotel. Reservations can be made through the Chamber.

M. Heller

WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2006

*Interclub Meeting, Hosted this year by
Lamorinda Sunrise Club*

Location: Rossmoor Fireside Room

Our club will be dark that week.

*COST!/: For those paying for meals Quarterly or
Monthly - - Nil, Nada. For others: \$18.00.*

*All you need to do is to email, call or otherwise let me
know you are coming*

SEE YOU THERE

Ed Searby



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Make Up Meeting locations in the area, **MON.** 12:15 Danville-Brass Door
TUES. 12:15 Moraga, Soda Center, **WED.** 12:00 Rossmoor Hillside Clubhouse
WED. 12:15 Orinda-community center, **FRI.** 7AM Lamorinda-Postino's

SCHEDULED GREETERS:

JANUARY 19	T.B.A.
JANUARY 26	POLLY BERNSON: REPROGRAPHICS
FEBRUARY 2	RAY BLAND: INSURANCE—LIFE

BIRTHDAYS

Jack Clarkson	1/1/2006
Bud Moulthrop	1/20/2006
Douglas Johnson	1/27/2006



ANNIVERSARIES WEDDING & CLUB

Chris Lane	1/29/2006
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